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Title: Nanoparticle Coated Nanostructured Surfaces etc.

Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

Amendments to the specification

1. The paragraph starting on line 12 of page 6 and ending on line 12 of page 7 has been amended to conform with the cited references.
2. The paragraph starting on line 13 of page 8 and ending on line 30 of page 8 and the paragraph starting on line 32 of page 8 and ending on line 35 of page 8 have been amended in order to render them consistent with the description (see lines 36-37 of p.12 and lines 1-2 of p. 13 in the paragraph starting on line 29 of page 12 and ending on line 2 of page 13, " It should be noted that, although some of the embodiments described below refer to a void-column structure, this invention is not limited to that structure.")
3. The paragraph starting on line 13 of page 8 and ending on line 30 of page 8 has also been amended to render it consistent with the description at page 21 lines 14-19 ("The nanostructured material may be prepared by, but not limited to the following: etching, a physical vapor deposition technique, a chemical vapor deposition technique, an electrochemical etching technique, a strain etching technique or a high density plasma deposition technique.")
4. The paragraph starting on line 29 of page 12 and ending on line 2 of page 13 has been amended in order to correct the following inaccuracy (topography instead of topology).

Amendments to the claims

Claim 2

Claim 2 has been amended in order to incorporate the limitations of claim 8.

Claims 6-7, 9-17 have been amended to reflect the amendment to claim 2.

Claim 8 has been canceled,

Claim 96

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Claim 96 is supported by lines 25-27 of page 16, " Or, the nanostructured surface or film can be a nanotextured surface with roughness, features or patterns at the nanometer scale (1 nm to 500 nm)."

Claims 97 and 98

Claim 96 is supported by several statements in the specification, one of them being lines 16-18 of page 23. "In this embodiment, the analyte molecule was applied as 1.0 μ L of solution on the Ag nanoparticle coated film."

Two claims have been added and the additional fee of \$50 is enclosed. However, any required fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 30626-108.

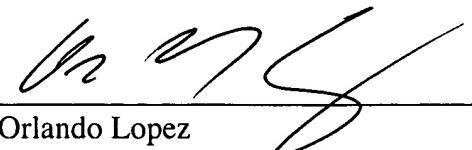
In accordance with Section 714.01 of the MPEP, the following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner:

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